THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) There has been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and pro-pak terrorist outfits to induct more mercenaries from across the border into J&K.

(b) and (c) Deployment of BSF and other Central Para-military forces for the various tasks are dynamic in nature and the exact quantum deployed at a particular point of time depends upon the requirements of the situation and the availability of forces.

(d) The following steps have been taken by BSF to prevent infiltration :—

(i) Round the clock surveillance of the border by patrolling, both day and night operations.

(ii) Conduct of special operations.

(iii) Plugging of riverine gaps with improvised fence, lights and other methods.

(iv) Clearing of Sarkanda growth in bordering areas.

(v) Upgradation of intellience net work.

(vi) Use of night Vision Devices.

(vii) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties from Battalion Hqrs.

(viii) Improvised fencing where it is possile, is being erected.

(ix) Co-ordination with police and Army.

(x) Erection of security fencing and flood lighting poles for effective checking and surveillance.

Infiltration in J & K

4007. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the steps taken to prevent any further infiltration from across the border;

(c) whether fencing of border is one of the step taken to stop infiltration; and

(d) what other steps are being taken to ensure the safety of people of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) There have been continued efforts on the part of Pak ISI and Pro-Pak militant outfits to infiltrate more mercenaries from across the border into J & K.

(b) and (c) The Government have recently taken a decision for adopting a multi-model approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International Border in Jammu Sector to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/ explosives etc. Some of the other steps taken to prevent infiltration include strengthening border management, gearing up of intelligence machinery, close surveillance of the border by intensive patrolling, conduct of special operations, Nakas and ambushes, provision of specialised equipments like night vision devices etc.

(d) To contain terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and ensure safety of the people, Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes *inter alia*, neutralising plans of the militants by pro-active action against them in hinterland, intensive patrolling and extensive cordon and search operations. greater functional integration through an institutional framework of oepration Group and Intelligence Group of the UHQ at all levels, improved technology. weapons and equipments for security forces.

Increase in Rape and Child abuse cases

4008. SHRI ANANTA SETHI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the cases of rapes and child abuses are on the increase in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to amend the existing laws and make provisions of stringent measures to curb these incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?